Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar: Yes.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know under what provision of law their movements were restrained?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar: Under the Restriction and Detention Act.

Motor Control Order.

197. * **Mr. M. K Velu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of chasis and buses purchased by Government till the end of Makaram 1121 after the introduction of the Control system; and

(b) the number given by Government to private companies and individuals?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar: *(a)* 250.

(b) 99.

Transport permit for paddy.

198. * **Mr. K. S. Joseph** *(Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pattanamthitta):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the difficulties caused to such wet-land owners, as do not live in the taluks where their wet-lands are situated, in the matter of getting transport permits for their paddy?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar *(Director of Food Supplies and Secretary to Government):* Government are not aware of such difficulties. No delay is likely to be caused in the issue of permits if the parties produce along with their applications to the Tahsildars the necessary documents *viz.*,

(1) the receipt evidencing the sale of quota due from them and the quantity available for transport and (2) a certificate from the Rationing Officer of the area to which paddy is intended to be transported that the concerned coupons in the ration cards have been cancelled.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Does the honourable member suggest that those people who own the lands in the Taluks in which they reside and those people who own wet lands in other taluks have to undergo the same amount of difficulty in getting permits?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: There is no great difficulty and what is required is to produce evidence that the stock has been sold to Government and that the corresponding coupons in the ration cards have be en cancelled.

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Mr. K. S. Joseph: How long does it take for a person to get a permit?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: One week.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: May I know whether there is any prohibition for paddy being transported from one Pakuthy to another?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: No.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I know of cases where more than a month has been taken between two Tahsildars.

President: Honourable member might bring these cases to the Controller of Civil Supplies as soon as possible. Honourable members should have noticed that Mr. Narayana Aiyar has been divested of all Secretariat functions. His duty is to go to each place and to make his own enquiries and deal with local grievances that might affect the people.

Import of food grains.

199. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of foodstuffs imported into the State from 1st Chingom to end of Medom 1121?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: 67,868 tons of food-grains.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ താരതമ്യേന കുറവായിട്ടല്ലേ ഇപ്പോൾ ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: അതെ.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: കൂടുതൽ ഇറക്കുമതിചെയ്യുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ കൈക്കൊണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: നല്ല പരിശ്രമം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്.

Percentage of reduction in food grains.

200. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they allow any percentage of food grains by weight or measure to the Food Grains Depot Officers as reduction;

(b) if so, what is the percentage; and

(c) whether such a reduction is allowed to the merchants of such food-grains?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: *(a)* No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(c) No.

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